Setting up of a national body to monitor Autonomous Colleges

2324. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a separate national body, on the lines and under the control of the University Grants Commission, to monitor autonomous colleges under the new education policy;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when the said body would be set up and to what extent the students would get better education through autonomous colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such body is proposed to be set up. The Scheme of Autonomous colleges is an experiment in decentralisation of academic administration and will provide initiative to colleges and teachers in redesigning courses, in evolving new teaching and evaluation procedures, etc.

Revamping of DTC

2325. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the Delhi Transport Corporation in view of its poor performance;

(b) if so, what new measures are likely to be taken to make DTC's service more effective; and

(c) by when the revamping of DTC would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Delhi Transport Corporation has shown improvement in terms of physical parameters such as fleet utilisation, vehicle utilisation, fuel-conservancy, inventory control etc. In order to achieve progressive improvements in DTC's operations, various measures taken on a continuing basis, include decentralisation of administrative, financial and operational powers, improvements in management information system through computers, plugging of leakages in revenue, improved and intensive checking and rationalisation of routes.

Scheme for Appointment of women teachers in Primary Schools

2336. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a centrally sponsored scheme has been introduced by Government in some backward States for appointment of women teachers in primary schools;

(b) if so, the year of the inception of the scheme and the States where such scheme is being introduced;

(c) whether the said scheme is being introduced in Orissa also; if so, what is the year of the operation; and

(d) what is the number of women teachers working under that schemes in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) To increase the enrolment of girls and pass on the benefits of employment to the weaker sections of society, a Scheme of "Central support for the recruitment and training of lady teachers for Primary

Schools" was introduced in nine educationally backward States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal with effect from 1st January, 1984, under which 80 per cent of the salary of the teachers appointed was to be borne by the Central Government. The scheme was subsumed under Operation Blackboard with effect from 1st April, 1987 and 100 per cent grant for salary of women teachers appointed under the scheme is now being given as central assistance under the scheme of Operation Blackboard.

(d) 750 women teachers were appointed under the scheme in Orissa.

Traffic handled by IAAI, AI, IA and Vayudoot

2327. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of domestic traffic is being handled by International Airports Authority of India (IAAI), Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot annually;

(b) what is the amount of net profit earned or loss incurred by these authorities during the last three years;

(c) what is the amount of investment made by these authorities in the construction and maintenance of airports, aircraft in those years; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Kendriya Vidyalayas identified as difficult Stations

2328. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 934 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1989 and state:

(a) which Kendriya Vidyalayas have been identified as hard stations;

(b) what criteria have been adopted to declare the Vidyalayas as hard; and

(c) what are the facilities/incentives admissible to those who serve at these stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): No decision has been taken yet.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Creation of Posts of Officers on Special Duty in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2329. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some posts of Officers on Special Duty (OSD) have recently been created in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Post of Officer on Special Duty (OSD) has been created to encourage mountaineering, trekking and other adventure programme as also to disseminate information on these activities amongst the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas.